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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1916.

A drought is one way to reduce the cotton crop.

Lots of people continue to take themselves seriously.

Yes, The Spartanburg Journal is still being published daily.

Lives of great men all remind us, we too can live without working.

When insulted nowadays our ready retort is: "I'll write you a note about it."

That "blanket of fire" about Verdun must keep the French rather hot in the collar.

The Columbia baseball team may yet arrange a series with the New York Giants.

People long ago quit saying "Live and Learn." It's now "Earn and Live and Live if You can."

When the war in Europe is over and Villa has been disposed of, there'll be nothing to talk about.

The Russian Bear's growl seems to be worse than his bite. Maybe, though, he is lapping up Absinthe in Paris.

We would appreciate a suggestion as to the best way of going about greeting a friend without saying "ain't it?"

The Republicans are now claiming that the Scott-Furnston-Obregon pact is the outgrowth of a packed convention.

It strikes us that it's time forishing candidate beating about the bush, and bravely confess that Villa can't be found.

"Believe it or not," a man said the other day, "I'd pack up and go to the mountains for a three month's stay were I not afraid of starving."

In some sections of the country it is so infernal hot and dry, we are told, that a rusty lizard was seen to succumb to exhaustion in an attempt to crawl across the road.

South Carolina once had the idea her stumps were worth off, but we learn from reliable sources that there will be a larger galaxy about the roots this year than ever before.

"A NEWSPAPER STORY"

In a large middle-western city whose mayor has recently removed the lid, with what many citizens think are unfortunate results, a number of club-women, who are also voters, determined to find out for themselves whether the rumors they had been hearing were true. So they organized a number of parties to visit restaurants and dance-halls, to see whether the liquor laws were being observed, and to take note of the general conditions. It was not at all a performance of the idle curiosity, eager for sensation, nor were those seeking the knowledge a band of narrow-minded zealots. They were not trying to "get something on" the political party in power. They were simply women of many walks and occupations, who wanted to know whether or not the city housekeeping in certain respects was what it ought to be.

Some of the parties reported that conditions at the places they visited were all right. Others reported those they saw all wrong. Unofficial knowledge of the investigation coming to the mayor—who, one would think, would have been glad to get the report of disinterested citizens—he denounced the whole affair as a quest for notoriety. "All they wanted was a newspaper story," he said.

Just what is "a newspaper story?" It is, where freedom of the press is secure, a report to the public of what is going on around them. It is the appeal of facts to the court of public opinion. And public opinion, while mistaken sometimes, is in the long run pretty wise. To be afraid of a newspaper story means that one has something to conceal. To jeer at it shows contempt for the public. The newspaper story is, in these days, the most powerful tool of democracy. No one can afford to despise it, for through it the people rule.

SURFEITING FARMER WITH AID

The organization of the National Agricultural Society by a lot of Wall Street magnates for the encouragement of farming may serve a good purpose, but the federal government has a special department of agriculture and it has millions to spend every year. The State governments have other departments liberally supported. Altogether tens of millions of dollars are spent every year under official auspices. What does this influential private organization hope to accomplish? Is there not danger of too much meddling with the affairs of the tiller of the soil? He needs advice but he is in peril of being deluged and submerged with a flood of indigestible theory.

WHAT NO ONE CAN ESCAPE

"That place got a rich class of patrons. They used to come down in automobiles. They came because they could act there like they couldn't at home, in their own set."—Quoted from Chicago cabaret girl who tells why life disgusts her.

Isn't it queer how some people forget their self-respect—away from their own set?

Isn't it queerer how they will go out of their way to find a place where they can forget it?

There are those who think they are perfectly independent of public opinion; that they are superior to gossip; that they are not bound by conventions. In fact, these are pet theories of some of the most "advanced thought" of the time.

All of which queer things remind us that the conventions have an antique value as safeguards of character.

Conventions are the result of the experience of successive generations of the men and women who have raised the race from savagery to civilization.

No wonder that people hide when they want "to act like they couldn't at home in their own set."

But there is one thing they will never be able to hide from and that is—their own disgust of themselves.

COMMUNICATION

There are many kicks these days, variously aimed; some rightly aimed and some wrongly aimed; some justifiable and many unjustifiable. But with the permission of the editor of The Intelligencer I wish to register a kick, that according to the opinion of many citizens of this section, is simply justifiable; and that is in regard to that certain stretch of road leading from Shirley's store section to Anderson, via Carpenter's old mill.

The above named piece of road was, until recently, considered one of the main leading roads into the city of Anderson, and my contention has always been that the main leading roads into the various towns and cities should have first consideration, and if the above named road has had any consideration at all, it

has been total abandonment, judging from its looks.

It was my pleasure (?) to make five successive trips over this road into the city of Anderson last week, and through the kindness of a friend, those trips were made in a Ford—(and I am sure an automobile wouldn't have helped matters any.) You've read the poetic expression, no doubt, of the gentle undulating movement, etc. Our movements were undulating all right, but not the gentle kind.

For ten cents I'm told, one can visit or enter that "All Fool's" play house at Coney Island, N. Y. and while in there, one is subjected to all kinds of fun-making, fool-making of one's self tricks, but Coney Island hasn't much on this road. If you don't believe it, just get in your Ford (or an automobile will do) and take a trip over this road. I noticed about three weeks ago that the supervisor stated that he had spared no pains in making Broadway hill a first-class road, etc., etc., and just here I would like to remind our supervisor that there are more Broadway hills on Anderson county roads than that leading from Belton and Honea Path; and that there are just as good citizens to travel them. So why is this unjust discrimination? We do not wish to be unfair in our criticisms, but to our own knowledge the upper road has been worked out thoroughly and the Broadway hill on the upper road has received several special workings in the last few months, while the road leading from Shirley's store section has been left alone to the weather.

One of the main excuses for not working the road I understand is, because of the traction engine which hauls sand over the road for street paving, which traffic covers only about half the distance of the road named.

I wonder what excuse is offered for not working the other four miles? If one hill on the other road which is less than one-half mile in length is of sufficient importance to remove the entire force of convicts from another job in order to mend it, surely four miles of one of the first established roads in Anderson county is of sufficient importance to receive at least passing notice.

We trust our supervisor will take time to consider his treatment of his constituents of the lower section in comparison to that accorded those of the upper section, and repent before it is finally and everlastingly too late.

Respectfully,
"BILL SNIDER"

SOME SINGULAR STORIES

MATCHES GROWING SCARCE

(From Commercial Attache at The Hague)

The manufacture of matches is becoming difficult in Germany, owing to the lack of the proper wood. Previous to the war most of the wood for match sticks was imported from Russia.

Russia has difficulty in manufacturing matches for the want of chemicals, which were formerly imported from Germany. The heavy import duty on matches is therefore removed, and this opens a large market for foreign matches.

Norway and Sweden are the only European countries not able to manufacture enough matches for domestic use and for an export surplus.

THESE TWINS ODDLY JOINED

Have Some Separate Organs, But Apparently Only One Liver

(From The Philadelphia Ledger)
Physicians who attended the session of the Pediatric Society of the College of Physicians were amazed to see two infants joined from just below the chin. Dr. J. T. Rugh, one of the members, exhibited them and told of their birth in New Jersey a few months ago, to healthy parents, who have two other normal children.

They face one another and each has a stomach and a heart, but apparently they have only one liver. The arms, hands, legs and feet are normal.

The physicians noted that the twins have only a short time to live, though Dr. Rugh probably will attempt to save the lives by operating.

DINNER IN BIRD'S HONOR

Remarkable Tribute Paid To Feathered Songster On Its Retirement

(Osaka, Japan Cable Dispatch in Philadelphia's North American.)
A celebrated Japanese singing bird known technically as the bush warbler, has just gone into retirement, with honors such as are usually accorded famous human beings. A dinner was given in its honor at the villa of its owner, T. Tanaka, and many notable people were present.

About 20 singing birds were there and gave a chorus of adieu for their comrade, which has won prizes at every competition.

CLOTH OF MILKWEED

Investigation See Possible Industry in Present Useless Crop

(St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch)
Investigations are being conducted by Eastern textile manufacturers to determine whether ordinary milkweed, such as grows in Minnesota, can be profitably made into cloth.

The St. Paul Association of Commerce is co-operating with the Eastern men in the experiments. A sample of the fabric recently was received by the industrial promotion committee of the Association of Commerce.

Milkweed grows mostly around the shores of lakes, and because of the

numerous lakes in Minnesota there is an abundance of the weed in this State.

An offer of \$100 a ton for the fiber has been made. It is the belief of members of the industrial committee that if the industry prove practicable and profitable the factories eventually would be located in this State.

ASKED FOR SILVER DOLLARS

Minister Gets 1,155 in Morning Service Collection.

(St. Louis Dispatch)
Notice was given recently by the Rev. Robert Morris, pastor of St. John's M. E. Church at Edwardsville that the humble penny and the unobstructive nickel would be unwelcome in the collection at the morning service. Only silver dollars were wanted, according to the notice.

The congregation took heed, apparently, as 1,155 silver dollars were rung resoundingly down in the small table which stood in front of the pulpit. So imposing was the mass of silver that the cashier of one of the Edwardsville banks was appealed to to open the vault during the noon hour and give the contribution safe keeping.

MARKETS

Local market 12.75.

New York Market.
Open High Low Close
May... 12.66 12.94 12.66 12.94
July... 12.76 13.04 12.75 13.04
Oct... 12.92 13.21 12.89 13.21
Dec... 13.05 13.39 13.05 13.39
New York spots 13.05.

Liverpool Market.
Open Close
May-June... 8.02 8.05
July-Aug... 7.96 8.00
Oct-Nov... 7.82 7.86
Sales 10,000.
Spots 8.29.

City Candidates' Cards

FOR MAYOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as mayor of the City of Anderson, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.
J. H. GODFREY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Mayor for the City of Anderson, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.
WADE A. SANDERS.

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 1

I hereby announce myself as candidate for alderman from Ward 1, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

W. E. ATKINSON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 1, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

C. W. McGEE.

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 2

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as alderman from Ward 2, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

WALTER DOBBINS.

The friends of A. M. McFall hereby announce him as a candidate for alderman from Ward 2, subject to the democratic city primary.

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 3

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from Ward 3, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

ERNEST DUGAN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as alderman from Ward 3, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

CHAS. F. SPEARMAN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from Ward 3, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

S. G. BRUCE.

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 4

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from Ward 4, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

F. E. ALEXANDER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as alderman from Ward 4, subject to the rules and regulations of the city primary.

JOHN H. TATE.

Dr. W. F. Ashmore, the peoples candidate announces himself candidate for Alderman for Ward 4—subject to the Democratic parties.

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 5

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as alderman from Ward 5, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

R. R. KING.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for alderman from Ward 5, subject to the rules of the democratic primary.

A. G. MEANS.

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 6

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as alderman from Ward 6, subject to the rules of the democratic primary election.

ROBT. L. CARTER.

Memorial Day

IN war or peace, Memorial Day commemorates the heroic valor of the men of Dixie. Whatever men may do hereafter in the cause of humanity and in the sacred name of patriotism, each recurrence of this day should be an occasion for a backward look at past heroisms and a forward look at future consecrations.

In the meanwhile, we are here, doing our accustomed work; living our daily lives; the things we have to do, here and now, may be all of the service we shall be called upon to render. Our first duty is to do the things assigned to us as well as we can.

That's why we're trying to do our business of selling B-O-E clothes. It may seem a little prosaic, and lacking in heroic elements; but sometimes the finest thing a man can do, is to do the commonplace, prosaic thing with a high spirit.

B. O. E. Co.
SPOT CASH CLOTHIERS
"The Store with a Conscience"

REED MILLER LEADS CHORUS
IN SONG "CAROLINA" AT FIRST
SESSION CLUBS FEDERATION
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erature department, Mrs. C. E. Gibson, Charleston; paper, "Our Rank Among Scholars and Scientists," Mrs. F. F. Dillon, the Century club, Charleston. (This paper has been chosen as the best submitted in state literature contest.)

Address, "Modern Social Drama," Dr. Archibald Henderson, vice president of the Drama League of America, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Part II—Music: report of state chairman of music, Mrs. Thos. Dotterer; aria, "O Love Lend Him Aid," from "Samson et Delilah" (Saint-Saen), Mr. A. G. Blotcky; garden scene from "Faust" (Gounod), "Perpetual Motion" (Bohm), Miss Marie Epton; impromptu in B-flat (Schubert), Mrs. W. E. Lucas.

Cathedral Safe.
London, May 9.—For the first time in its long history St. Paul's Cathedral is considered safe from fire, adequate fire fighting apparatus having been installed after four years labor, the hydrants being carried to the top of the famous dome. Although much progress has been made towards making the edifice fireproof the work in this direction will consume from ten to fifteen years. Great quantities of inflammable material have been removed from the building, including the wooden doors of the galleries.

DIED 34 YEARS AGO—LIFE INSURANCE JUST PAID. WHY? REMARKABLE SETTLEMENT

DURING the month of March the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company settled several policies under remarkable circumstances. On of these was on the life of Mr. Richard Wells, a lost policyholder, for whom the Company has been searching diligently for years. President Frelinghuysen, in his annual report dated January 25, 1905, said:

"On September 4th, 1885, Mr. Richard Wells, a resident of New York City, insured his life in this Company for \$10,000 on the Twenty premium life plan. Mr. Wells did not pay the premium due in 1888, but allowed the policy to lapse. By the terms of the policy it became a paid-up participating policy from September 4th, 1888, for \$1,600, three-twentieths of the original amount. Mr. Wells was fifty-eight years of age when he insured with us in 1885. He paid the Company \$2,187.60 in premiums, and has been credited with \$1,765.56 in dividends, making a net cost of \$422.04. He was insured for \$10,000 during the first three years of the policy, and for \$1,600 during the past thirty-six years. As the record of the policy shows that the insured would have reached the age of ninety-six in September, 1903, the Company stood ready to pay Mr. Wells or his legal representatives the full amount of the paid up policy, \$1,600, together with \$671.97 of unpaid dividends. Every effort has been made to discover the whereabouts of the insured, but as yet no trace of him or his heirs has been found."

This statement in the Company's report resulted in renewed search throughout the country for some trace of Mr. Wells, but all efforts for a time seemed to be unavailing. Finally, in 1912, largely through the efforts of Mr. T. M. Searles, of the Chattanooga agency, the Company was able to locate some of Mr. Wells' heirs in Brooklyn, N. Y. The search had covered nearly the whole country, some of those interested in the policy having lived in developed, in the state of Washington. Since 1912 the Company has been corresponding almost constantly with representatives of direct or indirect heirs, until, finally, on March 16, 1916, the Company having secured all necessary data, forwarded check for \$1,805.97 in payment of policy No. 73,357 on the life of Mr. Richard Wells to the administrator of the assignee, who is a grandson of the insured. It was learned that the insured had died at age seventy-five on April 16, 1882. It appears that no one had any knowledge that anything was due from the Mutual Benefit to any heirs of Mr. Wells.

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